



RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - Art Unit 2153

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WE RE APPLICATION OF: JASON A. KRONZ

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Amendment

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Sir:

In response to the prior Office Action dated April 23, 2003, please amend the application as follows. The attached Appendix presents a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment.

Also, as discussed in greater detail below, the Examiner incorrectly designated the prior Office Action as being "Final" - thus, the Applicant requests that the Examiner withdraw the finality of the prior Office Action, and enter this Amendment as responsive to a non-final Office Action.

In the Specification:

Please delete the last paragraph of the Background section of the application, which appears at lines 23-25 of page 4 of the application as filed.

In the Claims:

Following is a complete listing of the claims pending in the application, as amended:

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